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1. In the vicinity of the village of Byala Ruska (N 43-10, E 23-29), Vratsa Okoliya, immediately north of the grade crossing on the Vratsa - Mezdra road, there is a bridge-like installation which very probably is for use in case the Sofia-Vidin railroad line should be damaged. The installation consists of a ditch approximately two meters long, 50 to 60 centimeters deep and as wide as the single-track line. It includes two concrete abutments arranged in steps, on which rest two very strong double-T metal girders, which are more than two meters long and approximately 25 centimeters high. A series of wooden cross-ties, laid next to one another, are perpendicular to the two metal girders. Railroad tracks rest on the cross-ties. Furthermore, there are four switches used to join the two sections of track with the rest of the line, from both sides of the bridge in question.
2. In case of necessity, the above device could be rapidly put into operation by disconnecting one set of tracks and connecting the other.
3. The sketches on page 2 show the location and layout of the bridge-like construction.

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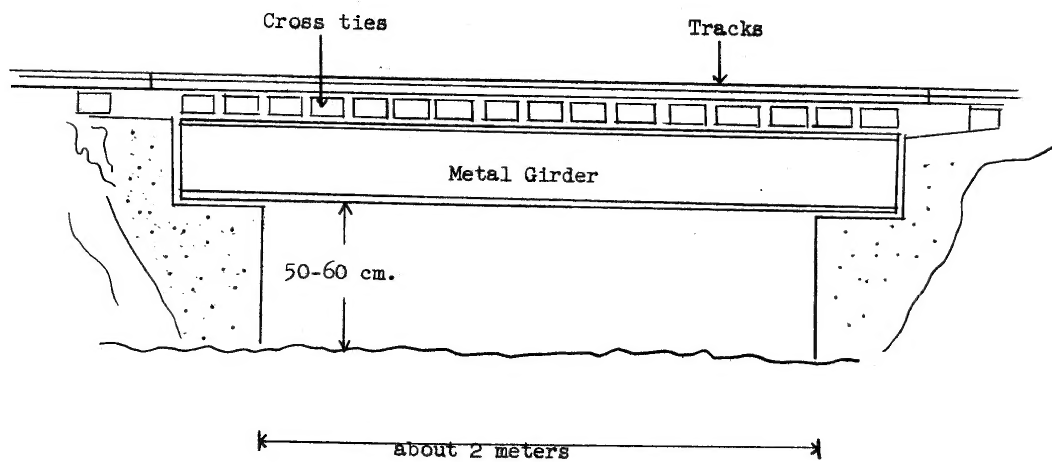
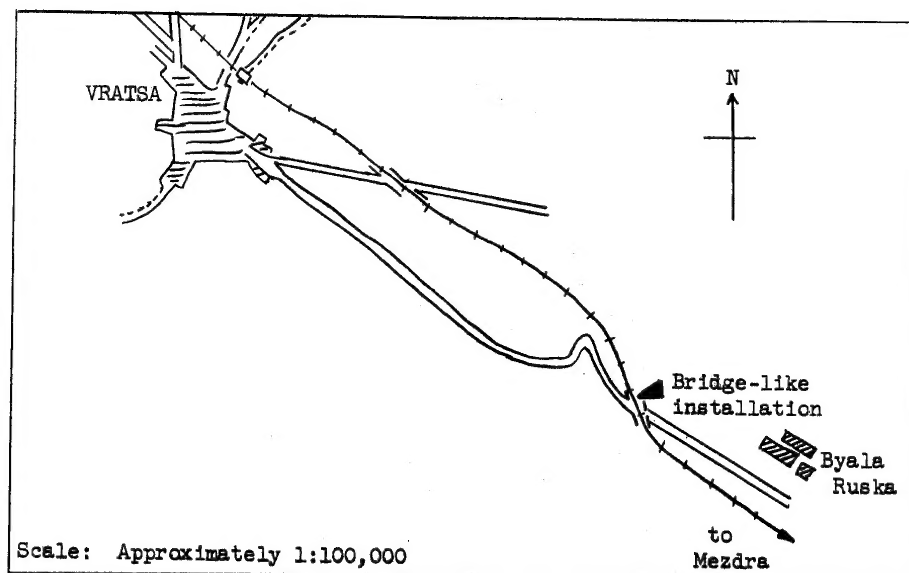
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